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SUBJECT: CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND ONWARD TRAVEL CHENG
HENG AND FAMILY

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1. FORMER KHMER REPUBLIC CHIEF OF STATE CHENG HENG
CALLED AGAIN AT THE EMBASSY TO ASK WHETHER ANY REPLY
HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT (REF A).
CHENG HENG SAID HE HAD SEEN IN THE PRESS THE REPORT
THAT MARSHAL LON NOL HAD PURCHASED A \$130,000 HOUSE IN
HAWAII AND THE ALLEGATION THAT HE HAD TRANSFERRED
\$1 MILLION TO HIS U.S. ACCOUNT. CHENG HENG REMARKED
THAT IF HE HAD ONE-HUNDREDTH OF LON NOL'S FUNDS HE
WOULD NOT BE MAKING HIS APPEAL TO THE USG FOR ASSIST-
ANCE.

2. CHENG HENG UNDERLINED NOT ONLY THE NEED TO PAY FOR
HIS ACCOMODATIONS IN PARIS, BUT HIS CONCERN ABOUT
THREATS TO HIS LIFE BECAUSE GRUNK AUTHORITIES HERE HAD
BEEN INCITING CAMBODIAN STUDENTS TO ATTACK HIM.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT INTERIM RESPONSE
WE SHOULD MAKE TO CHENG HENG.
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